

March 5. 1773.

Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session,

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PETITION and COMPLAINT

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James Montgomery Esq; of Stanhope, his Majesty's Advocate, for his Majesty's Interest;

Humbly sheweth,

THAT where by the laws of this and all well-governed realms, any fraudulent machination to impose upon and defraud the public, of sums appropriated for salutary and beneficial purposes; and more particularly, the forging or falsifying writings of any kind, and the fraudulently using the same, knowing them to be false and forged, and more especially, when such fraud, forgery, or falsification, is employed for the purpose of defrauding the public, and by persons guilty of a breach of a public trust reposed in them, are crimes of a heinous nature, and severely punishable, YET TRUE IT IS, and of verity, that Peter Dow, officer of excise in Stirling, and sometime clerk and assistant to the deceased Archibald Dunbar, collector of excise for the Linlithgow collection, and James Dow brother of the said Peter Dow, and also sometime clerk to the said collector Archibald Dunbar, both now prisoners in the tolbooth of Edinburgh, have been guilty actors, or art and part guilty of the foresaid crimes.

In so far as about ten years ago, the said Peter Dow entered to the service of the said Archibald Dunbar, deceased, collector of excise for the Linlithgow collection, in which capacity he continued with Mr Dunbar about two years, when Mr Dunbar appointed him

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his clerk in the excise-office, and having insinuated himself into Mr Dunbar's good opinion, the said Peter Dow was much intrusted by him, particularly in the business of paying the out-pensioners belonging to the royal hospital of Chelsea, which in Scotland is committed to the collectors of excise within their respective districts.

As Mr Dunbar was a man of a sickly constitution, and his disorders increased upon him daily, so that he could give very little aid himself, in conducting the business of his collection, Peter Dow, about the year 1768, introduced into the collector's office, the above named James Dow, his own younger brother, as a clerk or assistant under him; and after the said James Dow had become fully instructed, and able to manage the business in the collector's office, Peter was appointed a gauger, and put into a division at Stirling, in the month of August 1770. From this time the said James Dow acted as first clerk to Mr Dunbar, but Peter still continued to be employed about the excise-office, particularly in transacting that part of the business, which related to the Chelsea-pensioners.

Mr Dunbar having died in the month of June last, the commissioners of excise appointed William Scot supervisor in Stirling, to officiate during the vacancy. And during the time of Mr Scot's acting, the lists of Chelsea-pensioners, to be paid for the half year, from the 25th of June to the 25th of December 1772, having been transmitted from London to Edinburgh, and the particular list of the pensioners residing within the Linlithgow collection, having been sent out to Mr Scot, he was astonished to find the names of many persons therein contained, who had been dead for years before, from which the necessary and unavoidable conclusion was, that some gross scene of fraud must have been committed, in procuring false or forged affidavits, in forging receipts, and reporting payments as made to these persons, from the time of their death respectively, so as to get them continued upon the roll of pensioners. And upon investigation it was found, that these frauds and forgeries must have been committed by the said Peter Dow and James Dow, when intrusted with the business of paying the Chelsea-pensioners, as above mentioned.

Your Lordships will be informed, that by an act passed in the 22th year of his late majesty, cap. 1. it is provided, that the annual sum payable to the pensioners of Chelsea-hospital, being £. 7 odds, should from that time forward be paid at two terms in the year, viz. the 25th December and 25th June, and that one half year's pension shall always be paid in advance.

The manner in which the pensioners qualify themselves for receiving

ceiving each half year's payment, is this ; Every pensioner is appointed to appear before any justice of peace, within whose territory he resides, and to make oath with regard to his name, his place of residence, at what time he was admitted a pensioner, the age he was then of, from what regiment, what number of years he served, for what cause he was discharged, and that he is no otherwise provided for by government, except as a pensioner of Chelsea-hospital. Of this affidavit two duplicates are made out and signed by the justice, one whereof the pensioner transmits to the paymaster of the forces at London. And from the affidavits so transmitted to London, the commissioners of Chelsea-hospital are appointed, a short time before each term of payment, to make up, or cause to be made up, an exact state or list of the whole out-pensioners belonging to the hospital, who are then entitled to receive in advance their termly payment for the half year immediately following. The other duplicate the pensioner keeps in his own possession, and delivers it up when he receives payment.

From the general list of pensioners made up at London, a particular list is taken of the pensioners residing within Scotland, which is transmitted to Edinburgh to the correspondent or agent there, for the Chelsea-hospital, who causes separate lists to be made out from thence of the pensioners residing within the bounds of each district or collection of excise, and transmits the same to the respective collectors. And alongst with the particular lists, there is likewise transmitted from Edinburgh to each collector, a book for entering the names of the several pensioners, and the payments made to them. At the top of every page, or at least on the first page of every sheet of these books, there is inserted a general receipt by the pensioners, agreeable to this form : " We whose names or marks are hereunto
 " subscribed, being out-pensioners of Chelsea-hospital, do each of
 " us hereby acknowledge to have received of and from John Rich-
 " ardson Esquire, agent to the said out-pensioners, by the hands
 " of _____ collector, the sum of three pounds twelve
 " shillings and five pence one farthing, being the amount of our
 " several out-pensions for 183 days, from the 25th of December
 " _____ to the 24th of June _____ following, both days inclusive. "
 Each page is divided into five columns, in one of which is marked the corps or regiment to which the pensioners belonged, in the second their names, in the third their place of residence, in the fourth each pensioner when he receives his half-yearly payment, being L. 3 : 12 : 5½ the one term, and L. 3 : 12 : 6½ the other, subscribes his name, or if he cannot write, adhibits a cross or mark, on one
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side of which his Christian name, and on the other side his surname is wrote, according to the practice commonly followed, where a person signs by a mark; and in the fifth the sum paid to each pensioner is insert.

Such being the manner in which the business of paying the Chelsea-pensioners is transacted, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, who were intrusted with making the payments within the Linlithgow district, under Archibald Dunbar the collector, as is already observed, having formed and devised a fraudulent plan of enriching themselves at the public expence, did, upon various occasions, to be just now mentioned, during the course of the years 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, and 1772, after they knew that sundry pensioners residing within the Linlithgow district were dead, contrive, notwithstanding, to keep their names upon the roll of pensioners; and this they did by applying to one or other of the justices for the county of Stirling, to sign affidavits, expressing, that such pensioners had appeared, and made oath with regard to their admission as pensioners of the hospital, their age at that time, their place of residence, and other particulars above mentioned; which the justices sometimes did, upon the faith of their assurances; and at other times, the said James Dow and Peter Dow, or one or other of them, did forge such affidavits which never were signed by the justices, whose names are thereto affixed. And by means of such affidavits, the names of many pensioners being continued on the roll long after their death, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book above mentioned, false or forged subscriptions, initials, and marks, or crosses, pretending them to be the subscriptions, initials, and marks, or crosses of persons deceased; and did report the payments as actually made to the persons, whose subscriptions, initials, and marks were so forged. And in this manner, during the years above mentioned, the said Peter Dow and James Dow have applied to their own use and profit, considerable sums, out of the money appropriated by the public for the maintenance of the said hospital at Chelsea, and for discharging the termly payments due to the out-pensioners thereto belonging.

§ 1. Burr. More particularly, the complainer charges, that *James Burns, an out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital of Chelsea*, died in the month of September or October 1768, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow, Peter having been expressly informed thereof by Helen Mitchel his widow, and James Chalmers, another out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said James Burns came down in the

the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year, from the 25th of December 1768, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said James Burns, or authorised by him, (who signed by initials, and not by a cross); and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the said half year's pension, as actually paid to the said James Burns. And further, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December, in the said year 1768, procure an affidavit to be signed by Henry Jaffray merchant, and then provost of Stirling, and as such one of the justices of peace for the county of Stirling, of date the 25th of said month, bearing that the said James Burns had appeared before him, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And in consequence of this false affidavit, which was transmitted to London, the name of the said James Burns having come down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year, from the 25th June 1769, to the 25th of December immediately following, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said James Burns, or authorised by him; in consequence of which, they took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated as paid to him. And further, in the said month of June 1769, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did forge an affidavit, bearing to be signed by the said Henry Jaffray, J. P. provost of Stirling, and one of the justices of peace for the said county, which Mr Jaffray never did subscribe, and which is dated 24th June 1769, importing that the said James Burns had appeared before the justice, and made oath as above. And in consequence of this forged affidavit, which was transmitted to London, the name of the said James Burns having again been returned in the list of pensioners, who were to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1769, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book for said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said James Burns, and by that means took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated as paid to him.

And further, in the months of December 1769, June 1770, December 1770, June 1771, and December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, pre-
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vail upon James Alexander merchant; and then provost of Stirling, and as such one of the justices for the county of Stirling, to subscribe four several affidavits; the first dated the 26th of the said month of December 1769, the second the 25th of the said month of June 1770, the third the 25th of the said month of December 1770, whereof a duplicate was likewise signed, and the fourth the 25th of the said month of June 1771: and in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, did, on the like false pretences, prevail with David Gourlay of Kipdarroch, also a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, dated the 25th of the said month of June. Which affidavits severally imported, that the said James Burns did, on the above dates, appear before the justice, who subscribed the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did raise, vitiate, and alter the date of the duplicate of the said affidavit, signed by the said James Alexander upon the 25th of December 1770, and superinduce the unit 1 in place of the 0 rased out, thereby making the same to bear date 25th December 1771. Which affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said James Burns still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly. And the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did write and forge the initials of the said James Burns, in the receipt-book of payments, for the half year from the 25th of June 1770, to the 24th of December following; and they, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said James Burns, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for each of the terms or half years from 25th December 1770, 25th June 1771, and 25th December 1771, respectively; and in consequence of the said forged initials and marks, did take credit for, and receive the half years pensions, therein severally stated as paid to the said James Burns. But being removed from their offices in the end of June or July 1772, by the death of Mr Dunbar, further frauds and forgery were prevented.

2. And. Rae.

And the complainer in like manner charges, that Andrew Rae, an out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital, died in the month of December 1767, or January 1768, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow, James having seen him on his death-bed; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Andrew Rae came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year immediately following the 25th of June 1768, the said

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Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Andrew Rae, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as if actually paid to the said Andrew Rae. And further, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, in the months of June and December 1768, procure affidavits to be signed by Henry Jaffray, then provost of Stirling, and one of the justices of peace of the county of Stirling, dated the first the 25th of the said month of June, and the other the 26th of the said month of December 1768; and severally bearing, that the said Andrew Rae had, on the said days respectively, appeared before him, and made oath with regard to his admission as an out-pensioner of said college, his age, place of residence, and other particulars above mentioned. And these two false affidavits having been transmitted to London, the name of the said Andrew Rae came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the two half years from the 25th of December 1768, and the 25th of June 1769. And the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-books for the said periods respectively, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark or cross of the said Andrew Rae, or authorised by him; in consequence of which, they took credit for, and received the said two half years pensions therein stated as paid to him. And further, in the said month of June 1769, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did forge an affidavit, bearing to be signed by the said Henry Jaffray provost of Stirling, and one of the justices of peace for the said county, which Mr Jaffray never did subscribe, and which is dated the 24th day of June 1769, importing that the said Andrew Rae had appeared before the justice, and made oath as above; and in consequence of this forged affidavit, which was transmitted to London, the name of the said Andrew Rae having been again returned in the list of pensioners, who were to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1769, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did forge a separate receipt, bearing to be signed by the said Andrew Rae, for the said half year's pension, and did write in the signing column of the receipt-book, "*Paid per separate receipt;*" and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the said half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Andrew Rae. And further, in the months of December 1769, June 1770, December 1770, and June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said

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James Alexander, then provost of Stirling, and one of the justices for the county of Stirling, to subscribe four several affidavits, the first dated the 25th day of the said month of December 1769, the second the 25th of June, and the third the 25th of December, both on the said year 1770, and the fourth the 25th of the said month of June 1771. And in the month of December 1771, they, or one or other of them, did, in like manner upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, one of the justices for the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th of said month: as also, in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, upon the like false pretences, did prevail upon the said David Gourlay of Kipdarroch, another justice of peace for the said county of Stirling, to subscribe another affidavit, of date the 25th of said month. Which six affidavits severally imported, that the said Andrew Rae had, on the dates thereof, appeared before the justice, who subscribed the same respective, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age at the time, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. Which affidavits having been from time to time transmitted to London, the name of the said Andrew Rae still continued to be inserted in the lists which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark or cross of the said Andrew Rae, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for each of the half years from the 25th June, and 25th of December 1770, and 25th June, and 25th December 1771 respectively; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the four half years pensions, therein severally stated as paid to the said Andrew Rae.

3. Donald
Lamond.

Further, the complainer charges, that Donald Lamond, *alias* Donald Lamont, an out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of August 1770; and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Donald Lamond, *alias* Lamont, came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for that half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the said half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont. And further, in the month of December
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said year 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did forge an affidavit, bearing to be signed by the said James Alexander, J. P. provost of Stirling, and one of the justices of peace for the said county, which Mr Alexander never did subscribe, and which is dated the 25th of December 1770, importing that the said Donald Lamond had appeared before the justice, and made oath as above: and in consequence of this forged affidavit, which was transmitted to London, the name of the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, having again been returned in the list of pensioners, who were to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, or authorised by him, and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated as truly paid to him. And further, the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, having been servant to the said Henry Jaffray provost of Stirling, and well known to the justices of peace who resided in the town of Stirling, the said Peter Dow and James Dow were afraid to apply to any of them so early after his decease, to sign an affidavit for him: but being resolved still to keep him on the roll, they, or one or other of them, did, in the month of June 1771, raise, falsify, and alter the date of the duplicate of the affidavit, signed for him on the 25th of June 1770 by the said James Alexander, retained by himself, and which had been lodged with, them and did superinduce the unit 1 above where the 0 had been raised out, thereby making the affidavit to bear date the 25th of June 1771. And this operation they performed on the date of the affidavit marked below the quoting on the back, as well as on the date in the body. And the said affidavit so vitiate and altered, having been transmitted to London, the name of the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, came down in consequence thereof, in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month, importing that the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, had then appeared before him, and made oath as to his admission as a pensioner, and the other particulars before mentioned. Which affidavit having been also transmitted to London, the name of the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, came again down in the list of pensioners,

ers, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1772; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for the said half year, from the 25th of December 1771; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said half year's pension, therein stated, as really paid to the said Donald Lamond. But they had no opportunity of committing any further fraud or forgery, as the payments for the 25th June 1772 were taken out of their hands.

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The complainer further charges, that Archibald Mitchel, an out-pensioner of the said hospital, died in the month of June or July 1770, and his death was well known to the said Peter and James Dow; but his pension having been then unpaid for the half year, from the 25th of the said month of June, and his name having again come down in the list of payments to be made for the half year from the 25th of December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in each of the receipt-books of the payments made for the said two half years, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Archibald Mitchel, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received two half years pensions, therein stated as paid to the said Archibald Mitchel. And further, in the months of December 1770, and June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe two affidavits, the first dated the 25th of the said month of December, and the other the 25th of the said month of June. And in like manner, they, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December 1771, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, on the like false pretences, to sign an affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month. And they further, on the same false pretences, prevailed with the said David Gourlay, another justice of the said county, in the month of June 1772, to sign another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of that month. Which four affidavits severally imported, that the said Archibald Mitchel had, on the dates thereof, appeared before the justice of peace who signed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said four affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Archibald Mitchel

Mitchel continued to be inserted in the lists or rolls, which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Archibald Mitchel, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book, for each of the terms or half years from 25th June and 25th December 1771 respectively; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said two half years pensions, therein stated, as paid to the said Archibald Mitchel. But the payments for the 25th June 1772, having been taken out of their hands, further fraud and forgery was thereby prevented.

The complainer further charges, that Peter Gillespie, another pensioner of the said hospital, died in the month of June 1771, ^{5 Peter Gillespie.} and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow, they having been expressly informed thereof; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Peter Gillespie came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of the said month of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for that period, a forged mark or cross, as if it had been the real mark of the said Peter Gillespie, or authorised by him, but who always signed the receipt-book with his full subscription; and in consequence of the said forged mark, they took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Peter Gillespie. And further, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, in the month of June 1771, upon false pretences, prevail with the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month; and they also, in the month of December said year, upon the like false pretences, prevailed with the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace, to sign another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month; and they further, on the like false pretences, did also prevail on the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace, in the month of June 1772, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month. Which three affidavits last mentioned, severally imported, that the said Peter Gillespie had appeared before the justice, who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Peter Gillespie

lespie continued to be inserted in the rolls which were made up half-yearly. And the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Peter Gillespie, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, to 25th June 1772; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said half year's pension, as paid to the said Peter Gillespie. But the said Peter Dow and James Dow having been removed before any more pensions became due, further fraud and forgeries were thereby prevented.

6. John Holmn. The complainer further charges, that John Holmn *alias* Hollum, an out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of March 1770, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow, who were expressly informed thereof; yet notwithstanding, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, in the months of June 1770, December 1770, and June 1771, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace, to subscribe three several affidavits, bearing date the first the 25th of the said month of June 1770, the second the 25th of the said month of December 1770, and the third the 25th of the said month of June 1771: and they, or one or other of them, upon the like false pretences, did, in the month of December said year 1771, prevail with the said Henry Jaffray justice of peace, to sign another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month: and they in like manner prevailed with the said David Gourlay, in the month of June 1772, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of that month: and which five affidavits severally import, that the said John Holmn *alias* Hollum, had, on the dates thereof, appeared before the justice of peace, who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And which affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said John Holmn *alias* Hollum, continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said John Holmn *alias* Hollum, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book, for each of the half years, from the 25th of December 1770, the 25th of June 1771, and 25th December 1771 respectively; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the pensions therein severally stated

stated for the said three half years, as paid to the said John Holmn *alias* Hollum. But further fraud and forgery was prevented, by the said Peter Dow and James Dow being removed from the said office as before mentioned.

The complainer further charges, that Angus Gordon, another out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital, died in the month of September or October 1769, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Angus Gordon came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1769, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for that period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Angus Gordon, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Angus Gordon. And further, in the months of December 1769, June 1770, December 1770, and June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace, to subscribe four several affidavits, the first bearing date the 26th of the said month of December 1769, the second the 25th of the said month of June 1770, the third the 25th of the said month of December 1770, and the fourth the 25th of the said month of June 1771: and they did further, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray justice of peace, in the month of December 1771, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of December: and they in like manner prevailed upon the said David Gourlay, in the month of June 1772, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of June. Which six affidavits did severally import, that the said Angus Gordon had, on the dates thereof, appeared before the justice of peace who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Angus Gordon still continued to be inserted in the rolls which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Angus Gordon, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for each of the half years from the 25th of June

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and 25th December 1770, and 25th June and 25th December 1771 respectively; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the half years pensions therein severally stated as paid to the said Angus Gordon. But they were prevented from any further fraud or forgery, by being removed; as already mentioned.

8. Jo. Cook. The complainer further charges, That John Cook, another out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital, died in the month of July 1770, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said John Cook came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year immediately following the 25th of December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said John Cook, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as if paid to the said John Cook. And further, in the months of December 1770, and June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace for the county of Stirling, to subscribe two affidavits, the first dated the 25th of the said month of December 1770, and the other the 26th of the said month of June 1771: and they, or one or other of them, did, upon the like false pretences, in the month of December 1771, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of December 1771: and in the month of June 1772, they did also prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace, upon the like false pretences, to sign a fourth affidavit, bearing date the 25th of said month of June 1772. Which four affidavits did severally import, that the said John Cook had, on the dates thereof aforesaid, appeared before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said affidavits having been transmitted to London, the name of the said John Cook still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said John Cook, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book, for each of the half years from the 25th of June and 25th of December 1771 respectively;

ly; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the half years pensions therein severally stated as paid to the said John Cook. But were prevented from the committing further fraud and forgery, by their removal, as already said.

The complainer further charges, that Thomas Zuil, *alias* Yool, ^{q. Tho Yool} an out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of October 1770, or about that time, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Thomas Zuil *alias* Yool, came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Thomas Zuil *alias* Yool, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Thomas Zuil *alias* Yool. And further, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December 1770 and June 1771, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace, to subscribe two affidavits, the first bearing date the 25th of the said month of December 1770, and the other the 25th of the said month of June 1771: and they, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December 1771, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of December. Which three affidavits severally imported, that the said Thomas Zuil *alias* Yool, did, upon the dates thereof, appear before the justice who signs the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Thomas Zuil *alias* Yool, still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Thomas Zuil *alias* Yool, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book, for each of the half years, from the 25th of June and 25th of December 1771, respectively; and in consequence thereof, did receive, or take credit for the half years pensions therein stated as paid to him.

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10. James
Beek.

The complainer further charges, that James Bick *alias* Beek, an out-pensioner belonging to the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of November, or beginning of December 1770, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said James Bick *alias* Beek, came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said James Bick *alias* Beek, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as if paid to the said James Bick *alias* Beek. And further, in the said month of December 1770, after the decease of the said James Bick *alias* Beek, and in the month of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, justice of peace for the county of Stirling, to subscribe two affidavits, the first bearing date the 25th of the said month of December, and the other the 25th of the said month of June. And in the month of December 1771, they, or one or other of them, did further, upon the like false pretences, prevail with the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of December. Which three affidavits severally imported, that the said James Bick did, upon the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said James Bick *alias* Beek, still continued to be inserted in the rolls which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said James Bick *alias* Beek, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for each of the half years from the 25th of June, and 25th of December 1771 respectively; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the two half years pensions therein stated as paid to the said James Bick *alias* Beek.

11. W. Cham-
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The complainer further charges, that William Chamberland, another out-pensioner of the said hospital, died in the month of April

April 1770, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow ; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said William Chamberland came down in the list of pensioners to be paid for the half year, from the 25th June 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said William Chamberland, or authorised by him ; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received a half year's pension, as actually paid to the said William Chamberland. And further, in the months of June 1770, December 1770, and June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe three several affidavits, the first bearing date the day of the said month of June 1770, the second the 25th of the said month of December, and the third the 25th of the said month of June 1771. And they, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December 1771, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of December. Which four affidavits severally imported, that the said William Chamberland did, upon the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said four affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said William Chamberland still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly ; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said William Chamberland, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for each of the half years from the 25th of December 1770, and 25th June and 25th December 1771 respectively ; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the three half-years pensions therein severally stated as paid to the said William Chamberland. But farther fraud and forgery was prevented by their removal, as has been already mentioned.

The complainer further charges, that Duncan M'Farlane, an-^{12. Dum.}
other out-pensioner of the said Chelsea-hospital, died in the month
of January 1771, and that his death was well known to the said

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Peter Dow and James Dow, who were expressly informed thereof ; and yet notwithstanding, the said Duncan M'Farlane having died before his receiving the pension payable to him for the half year from the 25th of December 1770, and the said James and Peter Dow refusing to pay the same to Mary Ferguson his widow, they, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Duncan M'Farlane, or authorised by him, but who for all former half years had signed his name full, at least in this manner, Dun. M'Farland ; and in consequence of the said forged mark or cross, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Duncan M'Farlane. And in like manner, when the name of the said Duncan M'Farlane came again down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from 25th of June 1771, in consequence of an affidavit transmitted by himself 25th December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Duncan M'Farlane, or authorised by him ; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received another half year's pension, therein stated as paid to him. And further, in the month of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June : and they, or one or other of them, did also, in the month of December following, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month : and they, or one or other of them, did further, in the month of June 1772, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month. Which three affidavits severally imported, that the said Duncan M'Farlane did, upon the dates thereof, appear before the justice who signs the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Duncan M'Farlane still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which
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were made up half-yearly ; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Duncan M'Farlane, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book of payments made for the half year from the 25th December 1771 ; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said half year's pension, therein stated as actually paid to the said Duncan M'Farlane. But further fraud and forgery was prevented by their removal, as already mentioned.

The complainer further charges, that William Hawthorn, another pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital, died in the month of January 1771, before receiving his pension payable 25th December 1770, for the following half year, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow, they having been expressly informed thereof ; yet notwithstanding, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said William Hawthorn, or authorised by him ; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received a half year's pension, as actually paid to the said William Hawthorn. And the name of the said William Hawthorn having again come down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th June 1771, in consequence of the affidavit transmitted to London by himself 25th December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said William Hawthorn, or authorised by him ; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received another half year's pension, as actually paid to him. And further, in the month of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace of the county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month : and in the month of December following, they, or one or other of them, did, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of said month of December : and in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month
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of June. Which three affidavits severally imported, that the said William Hawthorn did, on the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribes the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said William Hawthorn still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said William Hawthorn, or authorised by him, in the receipt-book for the half year from the 25th of December 1771; and in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said half year's pension, therein stated as actually paid to the said William Hawthorn. But further fraud and forgery was prevented by their removal, as before mentioned.

34. James
Taylor.

The complainer further charges, that James Taylor, another pensioner of the said hospital, died in the month of September 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said James Taylor came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said James Taylor, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the said half year's pension, as actually paid to him. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of December: and they, or one or other of them, in the month of June 1772, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June. Which two affidavits severally imported, that the said James Taylor did, on the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. Which two affidavits having been transmitted to London,

don, the name of the said James Taylor still continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly. But the said Peter and James Dow having been removed from their offices, as aforesaid, further fraud and forgeries were thereby prevented.

The complainer further charges, that John M'Intyre, an out-^{15. John M'Intyre.} pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of October 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said John M'Intyre came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said John M'Intyre, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as paid to him. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace for the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month: and in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them did, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of June. Which two affidavits severally imported, that the said John M'Intyre did, on the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribes the same respectively, and make oath, with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the same having been transmitted to London, the name of the said John M'Intyre continued to be inserted in the rolls afterwards made up. But the said Peter and James Dow having been removed from their office as above mentioned, no farther fraud or forgeries were committed, in consequence of the said affidavits and inrollment.

The complainer further charges, that James Christie, another^{16. James Christie.} out-pensioner of the said hospital, died in the month of November 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said James Christie came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book

of the payments made for the said half year, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said James Christie, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated as paid to him. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month: and in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, did, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June. Which two affidavits severally imported, that the said James Christie did, on the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before-mentioned. And the same having been transmitted to London, the name of the said James Christie continued to be inserted in the rolls afterwards made up. But the said Peter and James Dow having been removed from their office, as above mentioned, no fraud or forgeries were further committed.

17. Rich.
Burton.

The complainer further charges, that Richard Burton, another out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of November 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Richard Burton came down in the list of pensioners to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Richard Burton, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated, as paid to him. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month, importing, that the said Richard Burton did then appear before him, and make oath with regard to his admission, as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. Which affidavit having been transmitted

transmitted to London, the name of the said Richard Burton came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from 25th June 1772. But by that time the said Peter and James Dow were removed from their office, as aforesaid.

The complainer further charges, that William M'Dowel *alias* ^{18. Will.} M'Dougal, another out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, ^{M'Dowel.} died in the month of August 1771, and that the said Peter Dow and James Dow were well acquainted with his death; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said William M'Dowel *alias* M'Dougal, came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said William M'Dowel *alias* M'Dougal, or authorised by him, but who used to subscribe his name at full length, at least thus, Will. M'Dowel; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated as if paid to him. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month, importing, that the said William M'Dowel did then appear before him, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. Which affidavit having been transmitted to London, the name of the said William M'Dowel *alias* M'Dougal, came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1772. But by that time the said Peter and James Dow were removed from their office, as already mentioned.

The complainer further charges, that Richard George, another ^{19. Rich.} out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, ^{George.} died in the month of November 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Richard George came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Richard George, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for,
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and received the half year's pension therein stated, as if paid to him. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month, importing, that the said Richard George did then appear before him, and make oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. Which affidavit having been transmitted to London, the name of the said Richard George came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1772. But by that time the said Peter and James Dow were removed from their office, as above said.

20. Elias
Norman.

The complainer further charges, that Elias Norman, another out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the beginning of June 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Elias Norman came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Elias Norman, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as paid to the said Elias Norman. And further, in the said month of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace of the county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of June; and they, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December 1771, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of December; and they, or one or other of them, did further, in the month of June 1772, upon like false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June. Which three affidavits severally imported, that the said Elias Norman had, upon the dates thereof, appeared before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath as to his being admitted a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other

other particulars before mentioned. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Elias Norman continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly. And the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Elias Norman, or authorised by him, in the roll of payments for the half-year from the 25th of December 1771; and, in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said half-year's pension therein stated, as truly paid to the said Elias Norman; but being removed from their office as above mentioned, further frauds and forgeries were prevented.

21. Daniel

The complainer further charges, that Daniel Mackenzie, an out-Mackenzie. pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea; died in the month of May, or beginning of June 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow: that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Daniel Mackenzie came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half-year from the 25th of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Daniel Mackenzie, or authorised by him, but who used to sign his name at full length; and, in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half-year's pension therein stated, as paid to the said Daniel Mackenzie. And further, in the month of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said James Alexander, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June; and they, or one or other of them, did, in the month of December 1771, upon the like false pretences, prevail upon the said Henry Jaffray, as a justice of peace of the said county, to subscribe another affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of December; which two affidavits severally imported, that the said Daniel Mackenzie did, upon the dates thereof, appear before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and make oath as to his being admitted a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned; which two affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Daniel Mackenzie continued to be inserted in the rolls which were made up half-yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other

ther of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Daniel Mackenzie, or authorised by him, in the roll of payments made for the half-year from the 25th of December 1771; and, in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the half-year's pension therein stated, as truly paid to the said Daniel Mackenzie; but being removed from their office as above mentioned, further frauds and forgeries were prevented.

21. John
Wood.

The complainer further charges, that John Wood, an out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of January 1772; and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow: that the said John Wood not having received payment of his pension for the half-year from the 25th of December 1771 to the 25th of June 1772, although his name had come down in the list, his widow Christian Ewart applied for payment of the same after his decease, but was refused it: that notwithstanding the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said John Wood, or authorised by him; and, in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half-year's pension therein stated as actually paid to the said John Wood. And further, in the month of June 1772, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June, importing, that the said John Wood had then appeared before him, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned; which affidavit having been transmitted to London, the name of the said John Wood came down in the list of pensioners to be paid for the half-year from Midsummer 1772; but by that time the said Peter and James Dow were removed from their office as aforesaid.

22. Alex.
M'Laren.

The complainer further charges, that Alexander M'Laren, another out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of January 1772; and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow: that the said Alexander M'Laren not having received payment of his pension for the half-year from the 25th of December 1771 to the 25th of June 1772, although his name had come down in the list, his widow Margaret Cherry applied

plied for payment of the same after his decease, but was refused it: that notwithstanding the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Alexander M'Laren, or authorised by him; and, in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half-year's pension therein stated, as actually paid to the said Alexander M'Laren. And further, in the month of June 1772, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June, importing, that the said Alexander M'Laren had then appeared before him, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned; which affidavit having been transmitted to London, the name of the said Alexander M'Laren continued to be insert in the list of pensioners; but the said Peter Dow and James Dow being removed from their office, as above mentioned, further frauds were prevented.

The complainer further charges, that Duncan Ferguson, another out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of August 1771; and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Duncan Ferguson came down in the list of pensioners to be paid for the half-year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Duncan Ferguson, or authorised by him, but who, for all former years, had signed his name full, at least thus, Dun. Ferguson; and, in consequence thereof, received or took credit for the half-year's pension therein stated, as actually paid to the said Duncan Ferguson. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did procure a false affidavit, having the name of a justice of peace subjoined thereto, importing, that the said Duncan Ferguson had appeared, and made oath as to his admission as a pensioner, and other particulars before mentioned. And likewise in the month of June 1772, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them did,

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did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of the said month of June, importing, that the said Duncan Ferguson had then appeared before him, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said two affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Duncan Ferguson continued to be inserted in the rolls: but by the removal of the said Peter and James Dow, as aforesaid, further fraud and forgeries were prevented.

25. Robert
Black.

The complainer further charges, that Robert Black, another out-pensioner of said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of October 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Robert Black came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half-year from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Robert Black; and, in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half-year's pension therein stated, as actually paid to the said Robert Black. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did procure a false affidavit, having the name of a justice of peace subjoined thereto, importing that the said Robert Black had appeared and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, and other particulars before mentioned: And in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th of the said month of June, importing, that the said Robert Black had then appeared before him, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned; and the said two affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Robert Black continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half-yearly. But further fraud and forgery was prevented by their removal, as already mentioned.

26. Donald
Robertson.

The complainer further charges, that Donald Robertson, another out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the month of February

February 1771, or about that time, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; yet notwithstanding, when the name of the said Donald Robertson came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for that period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Donald Robertson, or authorised by him; and in consequence thereof, they took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated as actually paid to the said Donald Robertson. And further, in the months of June and December 1771, and June 1772, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did procure and transmit to London three several false affidavits, having the name of a justice of peace subscribed to each of them, importing, that the said Donald Robertson had, on the date of the said affidavits, appeared before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. In consequence whereof, the name of the said Donald Robertson continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Donald Robertson, in the receipt-book for the half year from the 25th of December 1771; and, in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the half year's pension, stated therein as paid to the said Donald Robertson. But further fraud and forgery was prevented by their removal, as before mentioned.

The complainer further charges, that Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, another out-pensioner of the said hospital, died in the month of February or March 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year from the 25th of June 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, but who always used to sign his name full; and, in consequence thereof, received or took credit for the half year's pension therein stated, as actually paid to the said Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay. And further, in

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the months of June and December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did procure false affidavits, having the name of a justice of peace subscribed to each of them: and in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of said month of June. Which three affidavits severally imported, that the said Daniel Campbell had, on the dates thereof, appeared before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said three affidavits having been severally transmitted to London, the name of the said Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, continued to be inserted in the rolls which were made up half yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did write and forge the name or subscription of the said Daniel Campbell, in the receipt-book of payments made for the half year, from the 25th of December 1771; and, in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the half year's pension therein stated, as truly paid to the said Daniel Campbell *alias* M'Kinlay. But they being removed as aforesaid, further fraud and forgery was thereby prevented.

28. Angus
M'Kay.

The complainer further charges, that Angus M'Kay, another out-pensioner of the said Chelsea-hospital, died in or about the month of September 1771, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow, they having been expressly informed thereof; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Angus M'Kay came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year, from the 25th of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for the said period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Angus M'Kay, or authorised by him; and, in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension therein stated, as actually paid to the said Angus M'Kay. And further, in the month of December 1771, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did procure a false affidavit, having the name of a justice of peace subscribed thereto: and in the month of June 1772, they, or one or other of them, did, upon false pretences, prevail upon the said David Gourlay, as a justice of peace of the said county of Stirling, to subscribe an affidavit, bearing date the 25th day of said month of June.

June. Which two affidavits severally imported, that the said Angus M'Kay had, on the dates thereof, appeared before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. And the said two affidavits having been severally transmittted to London, the name of the said Angus M'Kay continued to be inserted in the list of pensioners. But the said Peter Dow and James Dow having been removed from their office, as already mentioned, further fraud and forgery was prevented.

The complainer further charges, that Torrence Higgins, an out-pensioner of the said hospital of Chelsea, died in the end of November, or beginning of December 1770, and that his death was well known to the said Peter Dow and James Dow; that notwithstanding, when the name of the said Torrence Higgins came down in the list of pensioners, to be paid for the half year, from the 25th of December 1770, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert in the receipt-book of the payments made for that period, a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the real mark of the said Torrence Higgins, or authorised by him; and, in consequence thereof, took credit for, and received the half year's pension, therein stated, as actually paid to the said Torrence Higgins. And further, in the months of December 1770, June and December 1771, and June 1772, the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did procure and transmit to London false affidavits, having the name of a justice of peace subjoined to each of them; importing, that the said Torrence Higgins had, on the dates of the said affidavits, appeared before the justice who subscribed the same respectively, and made oath with regard to his admission as a pensioner, his age, place of residence, and other particulars before mentioned. In consequence whereof, the name of the said Torrence Higgins continued to be inserted in the rolls, which were made up half yearly; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, did insert a forged mark or cross, pretended to be the mark of the said Torrence Higgins, or authorised by him, in the receipt book for each of the half years, from the 25th of December 1770, and 25th June 1771; and, in consequence thereof, did take credit for, and receive the said two half year's pensions therein stated, as truly paid to the said Torrence Higgins.

And the said Peter and James Dow having, upon the 30th day of October last, been apprehended by virtue of a warrant from the sheriff of Stirling, did severally emit and sign declarations in his presence.

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sence, which are now produced alongst with this complaint: And there are further produced and lodged in the hands of the clerk to this complaint, *the affidavits*, and receipt-books, agreeable to the list hereto subjoined.

At least the three affidavits before mentioned, to wit, that of James Burns, dated the 24th of June 1769, subscribed Henry Jaffray, I. P.; that of Andrew Rae, of same date 24th June 1769, likewise subscribed Henry Jaffray, I. P.; and that of Donald Lamont, dated 25th December 1770, subscribed Ja. Alexander, I. P. are false and forged; and the foresaid separate receipt, said to be granted by the said Andrew Rae, and the whole subscriptions, initials, and marks or crosses, entered in the receipt-books, as vouchers of payments made to the said James Burns, Andrew Rae, Donald Lamond *alias* Lamont, Archibald Mitchel, Peter Gillespie, John Holmn *alias* Hollum, Angus Gordon, John Cook, Thomas Zuill *alias* Yool, James Bick *alias* Beek, William Chamberland, Duncan M'Farlane, William Hawthorn, James Taylor, John M'Intyre, James Christie, Richard Burton, William M'Dowel *alias* M'Dougal, Richard George, Elias Norman, Daniel M'Kenzie, John Wood, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan Ferguson, Robert Black, Donald Robertson, Daniel Campbell *alias* M'Kinlay, Angus M'Kay, and Torrence Higgins, from the time of their death respectively above mentioned, are false and forged; and the public has been imposed upon, and defrauded in the manner as particularly above specified; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow, or one or other of them, have been guilty actors, or art and part guilty, of forging and fabricating the same, and of using the said forged affidavits and marks, knowing them to be such, and of imposing upon, and defrauding the public as above set forth.

All which, or any part thereof, being found proven, after due trial before your Lordships, the said false affidavits, and separate receipt, and subscriptions, initials, marks, and entries in the receipt-books, ought to be found and declared to be false, forged, and counterfeit; and the said Peter Dow and James Dow ought to be found guilty, or art and part guilty, of forging and counterfeiting, and of fraudulently using the same, knowing them to be forged, and of defrauding and imposing upon the public; and thereupon such decree or order made by your Lordships, as of right, and of due course of law and practice, may, and ought to be made, so as the said Peter Dow and James Dow may be punished with the pains of law, suitable to the offence of which they shall be severally convicted or found guilty, to the terror of others to commit the like wicked and pernicious practices

practices in time coming ; and as the complainer is ready to verify, and bring proof of the crimes before your Lordships, by the examination of witnesses, and the exhibition of the foresaid writings, and others ; of which witnesses a list is herewith produced and subjoined ; and which writings, in so far as come to the hands of the complainer, are herewith lodged, and a list or inventory thereof produced and subjoined, and the other writings, tending to shew the guilt of the said Peter Dow and James Dow, will be recovered by the diligence of your Lordships ; saving and reserving to the complainer, to adduce any further evidence that hereafter may occur to be necessary during the course of the trial.

May it therefore please your Lordships to take trial of the premisses, and after trial thereof, to give such judgment or decree as is above concluded for, or such decree as unto your Lordships shall seem meet, according to the evidence that shall be brought before you: and for these purposes, in the first place to grant warrant for serving each of the said Peter Dow and James Dow with a copy of this petition and complaint, and of the list of witnesses, and writings hereto annexed ; and for summoning the said Peter Dow and James Dow, severally to answer to this complaint, upon 15 days ; and to grant diligence for citing the witnesses and havers mentioned in the said list, for proving the same.

According to justice, &c.

HENRY DUNDAS, A.D.

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Inventory, or list of writings, produced with the foregoing petition and complaint against Peter Dow and James Dow, and relative thereto.

I. Affidavits, James Burns pensioner, from the 44th regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th June 1768.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 24th June 1769. This affidavit charged a forgery.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 26th December 1769.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1771. The date rased.

Affidavit the said James Burns, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above eight affidavits, the last one excepted, as follows: "Examined with the records of "Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel;" and the last has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

II. Affidavits, Andrew Rae, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by John Napier, I. P. 25th June 1767.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1767.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th June 1768.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 26th December 1768.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 24th June 1769. This charged a forgery.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1769.

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Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit the said Andrew Rae, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above eleven affidavits, the last excepted, as follows: "Examined with the records of " Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last has the following marking at the bottom, " Exd G. R."

III. Affidavits, Donald Lamont, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Donald Lamont, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 16th June 1769.

Affidavit the said Donald Lamont, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1769.

Affidavit the said Donald Lamont, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit the said Donald Lamont, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770. This charged a forgery.

Affidavit the said Donald Lamont, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771. The date rased.

Affidavit the said Donald Lamont, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above six affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by " (signed) G. Ruffel."

IV. Affidavits, Archibald Mitchel, pensioner from the 1st regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Archibald Mitchel, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1769.

Affidavit the said Archibald Mitchel, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit the said Archibald Mitchel, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit the said Archibald Mitchel, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

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Affidavit the said Archibald Mitchel, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of each of the above five affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) "G. Russel."

V. Affidavits, Peter Gillespie, pensioner from the 34th regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Peter Gillespie, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit the said Peter Gillespie, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit the said Peter Gillespie, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit the said Peter Gillespie, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the first three of the above affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Russel." And the last has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

VI. Affidavits, John Holmn, pensioner from the 25th regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said John Holmn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1769.

Affidavit the said John Holmn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit the said John Holmn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit the said John Holmn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit the said John Holmn, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit the said John Holmn, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above six affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) "G. Russel."

VII. Affidavits, Angus Gordon, pensioner from the 25th regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Angus Gordon, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1768.

Affidavit said Angus Gordon, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th June 1769.

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Affidavit said Angus Gordon, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 26th December 1769.

Affidavit said Angus Gordon, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

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Affidavit said Angus Gordon, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said Angus Gordon, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said Angus Gordon, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above eight affidavits, the last excepted, as follows: "Examined with the records of "Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

VIII. Affidavits, John Cook, pensioner from the independent company of Blackness castle.

Affidavit the said John Cook, signed by James Andrew, I. P. 25th December 1769.

Affidavit said John Cook, signed by James Andrew, I. P. 25th June 1770.

These two have John Cook's mark subjoined.

Affidavit said John Cook, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said John Cook, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 26th June 1771.

Affidavit said John Cook, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said John Cook, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of each of the first five of the above affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And there is wrote on the back of the last affidavit as follows: "Examined at the Secretary's office, "Chelsea hospital, (signed) G. Ruffel, 9th November 1772."

IX. Affidavits, Thomas Zuil, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Thomas Zuil, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit said Thomas Zuil, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said Thomas Zuil, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.
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Affidavit said Thomas Zull, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote on the back of each of the above four affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by
" (signed) G. Russel."

X. Affidavits, James Bick or Beek, pensioner from the third regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said James Beek, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit said James Beek, signed Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said Ja. Beek, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said James Beek, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above four affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by
" (signed) G. Russel."

XI. Affidavits, William Chamberland, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said William Chamberland, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1769.

Affidavit said William Chamberland, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said William Chamberland, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said William Chamberland, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the above four affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by
" (signed) G. Russel."

XII. Affidavits, Duncan Macfarlane, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Duncan Macfarlane, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th of June 1770.

Affidavit said Duncan Macfarlane, signed Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said Duncan Macfarlane, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said Duncan Macfarlane, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said Duncan Macfarlane, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of each of the first four of the above affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

XIII. Affidavits, William Hawthorn, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said William Hawthorn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1770.

Affidavit said William Hawthorn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said William Hawthorn, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said William Hawthorn, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said William Hawthorn, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of each of the first four of the above affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

XIV. Affidavits, James Taylor, pensioner from the independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said James Taylor, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said James Taylor, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of the first of these affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

XV. Affidavits. John Macintyre, from 20th regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said John Macintyre, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said John Macintyre, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of each of these two affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital (signed) G. Ruffel."

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XVI. Affidavits, James Christie, pensioner from the 43d regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said James Christie, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said James Christie, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of the first of these affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) "G. Ruffel," and the last one has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

XVII. Richard Burton, pensioner from the 15th regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Richard Burton, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th December 1770.

Affidavit said Richard Burton, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said Richard Burton, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote on the back of each of these three affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital (signed) "G. Ruffel."

XVIII. Affidavits, William Macdowal, pensioner from the 44th regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said William Macdowal, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said William Macdowal, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote on the back of each of these two affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital (signed) "G. Ruffel."

XIX. Affidavits, Elias Norman, pensioner from the third regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit said Elias Norman, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit said Elias Norman, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit said Elias Norman, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote upon the back of each of the first two of these affidavits

fidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last one has the following marking at the bottom, "Exd G. R."

XX. Affidavits, Daniel Mackenzie, pensioner from the thirty-sixth regiment of foot, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said Daniel Mackenzie, signed by Ja. Alexander, I. P. 25th June 1771.

Affidavit the said Daniel Mackenzie, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

There is wrote upon the back of each of these two affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel."

XXI. Affidavits, John Wood, pensioner from the 44th regiment, and independent company of Stirling castle.

Affidavit the said John Wood, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit the said John Wood, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of the first of these affidavits, as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel." And the last one has the following marking at the bottom. "Exd G. R."

XXII. Affidavits, Alexander McLaren, pensioner from the 77th regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Alexander McLaren, signed by Henry Jaffray, I. P. 25th December 1771.

Affidavit the said Alexander McLaren, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

There is wrote on the back of each of these two affidavits as follows: "Examined with the records of Chelsea hospital by (signed) G. Ruffel."

XXIII. Affidavit, Duncan Ferguson, pensioner from the 41st regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Duncan Ferguson, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

XXIV. Affidavit

XXIV. Affidavit, Robert Black, pensioner from the 41d regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Robert Black, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

XXV. Affidavit, Daniel Campbell, pensioner from the 41d regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Daniel Campbell, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

XXVI. Affidavit, Angus M'Kay, pensioner from the 55th regiment of foot.

Affidavit the said Angus M'Kay, signed by David Gourlay, I. P. 25th June 1772.

Each of the above four last affidavits have the following marking at the bottom, " Exd G. R."

RECEIPT LISTS.

No. 1. Receipt-List of pensioners for the Linlithgow collection for the half year, from 25th December 1767 to 24th June 1768, inclusive, consisting of ten pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

2d Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th June 1768 to 24th December following, inclusive, consisting of eight pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

3d Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th December 1768 to 24th June 1769, inclusive, consisting of eleven pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

4th Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th June 1769 to 24th December following, inclusive, consisting of ten pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

5th Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th December 1769 to 24th June following, inclusive, consisting of ten pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

6th Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th June 1770 to 24th December following, inclusive, consisting of ten pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

7th Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th December 1770 to 24th June following, inclusive, consisting of eleven pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

8th Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th June 1771 to 24th December following, inclusive, consisting of twelve pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

9th Receipt-List of pensioners for said collection, from 25th December 1771 to 24th June following, inclusive, consisting of thirteen pages, each of which is subscribed, James Dow witness.

Declarations of the said Peter Dow and James Dow taken before James Moir sheriff-substitute of Stirlingshire, upon the 30th of October 1772, consisting of seven pages, the first four signed by the said Peter Dow, and the last three by the said James Dow and the sheriff-substitute.

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List of witnesses and havers to be adduced against the said Peter Dow and James Dow, defenders.

1. Anne Thoms, *alias* Dunbar, widow of Archibald Dunbar, late collector of excise in Stirling.
2. Henry Jaffray, merchant and present provost of Stirling.
3. James Alexander, merchant and late provost of Stirling.
4. David Gourlay, Esq; of Kipdarroch.
5. Sir James Campbell of Aberuchel, baronet.
6. Major Alexander Joas of Stirling castle.
7. Robert Stevenson late deacon of the shoemakers in Stirling.
8. Robert Hartly shoemaker in Stirling, and out-pensioner of Chelsea-hospital.
9. Anne M^cKay, widow of John Holmn or Hollum, late an out-pensioner of Chelsea-hospital.
10. Janet Cram, *alias* Abercrombie, widow of Andrew Rae, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
11. Christian Ewart, widow of John wood, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
12. Jean Wilson, formerly spouse of the deceased John Wright, *alias* M^cIn-tyre, late an out-pensioner of said hospital, now spouse of Gabriel Callander barber in Stirling.
13. Gabriel Callander barber in Stirling.
14. Jean Allan, *alias* Taylor, widow of James Taylor, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
15. James Taylor weaver in Stirling, son of the said deceased James Taylor.
16. William Christie barber and wig-maker in Stirling.
17. Thomas Collar, or Collier, journeyman-watchmaker in Stirling.
18. Margaret Cherry, widow of Alexander M^cLaren, late an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital.
19. Mary Ferguson, widow of Duncan M^cFarlane, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
20. Margaret M^cLaren, widow of Donald Lamond or Lamont, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
21. Jean Sutherland, widow of Angus Gordon, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
22. Janet Dougal, widow of Richard Burton, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
23. Grizel Hawthorn, daughter of the deceased William Hawthorn, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
24. John Brown shoemaker in Castlehill of Stirling.
25. Isabel Jaffray, formerly spouse to William Chamberland, late an out-pensioner

- pensioner of said hospital, and now spouse of Adam Archibald Slater in Stirling.
26. James Calder residenter in Stirling.
 27. James Thomson burghers of Stirling.
 28. Janet Hardie residenter in Stirling.
 29. John Leslie residenter in the Castlehill of Stirling, an out-pensioner of said hospital.
 30. Janet Stewart, widow of William M'Dougal or M'Dowal, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
 31. Thomas Murray gunner in the castle of Stirling.
 32. James Chalmers, an out-pensioner of said hospital, residing in Stirling.
 33. Helen Mitchel, widow of James Burns, late an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital.
 34. James Kidston, merchant-burghers of Stirling.
 35. Phillis George, widow of Richard George, late an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital.
 36. Dugald M'Lauchlan, late of Ballwill, now residing in Stirling.
 37. James Hutton ropemaker in Stirling, an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital.
 38. Charles Stirling bleacher at Kierfield.
 39. John Monteith, an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital, now residing in Stirling.
 40. Robert Colquhoun distiller at Touch.
 41. Robert Lawrie, an out-pensioner of said hospital residing in Stirling.
 42. Alexander Blair distiller at St Thomas Well.
 43. Adam Bunting, an out-pensioner of said hospital, residing in Stirling.
 44. William Russel, an out-pensioner of said hospital, residing in Stirling.
 45. James Marshal, an out-pensioner of said hospital.
 46. Alexander M'Intyre, an out-pensioner of said hospital, residing in Stirling.
 47. George Muschet merchant in Stirling.
 48. Elizabeth Hutton, formerly spouse of the deceased Alexander Cowan maltman in Stirling, and now spouse of Robert Marshal brewer in Stirling.
 49. Francis Malterton of Gogar, Esq.
 50. David Henderson tailor in Stirling.
 51. Donald Mackenzie town-officer in Stirling.
 52. May Stewart, widow of James Din, late an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital.
 53. Grizel Russel, spouse of Alexander Dunbar soldier in the garrison of Stirling castle.
 54. Agnes Lawson, spouse of George Tracey, corporal in the garrison of Stirling castle, and formerly spouse of the deceased Thomas Zull or Yull, late an out-pensioner of said hospital.
 55. James Boyd or Boyle, an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital, residing in Falkirk.

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56. George Turner innkeeper at the excise office at Falkirk.
57. John Inglis officer of excise in Linlithgow.
58. Robert Mouat officer of excise in Linlithgow.
59. John Ralton or Rantoul, an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital residing in Linlithgow.
60. Robert Wingate clerk to John Adam architect in Edinburgh.
61. John Caw, assistant secretary in the excise-office, Edinburgh.
62. John Blacketter accountant in the excise-office, Edinburgh.
63. Edward Broughton accountant in the excise-office, Edinburgh.
64. James Lowns accountant in the excise-office, Edinburgh.
65. Adam Pearson accountant in the excise-office, Edinburgh.
66. Alexander Hamilton late supervisor of excise at Stirling, now at Kelfo.
67. John Kid officer of excise in Stirling.
68. Patrick Balbirnie officer of excise in Down.
69. William Scot supervisor of excise in Stirling.
70. William Craig officer of excise in Stirling.
71. Duncan Clark officer of excise in Stirling.
72. James Anderson supervisor of excise at Dunkeld.
73. Christian Murray, widow of Angus Mackay late an out-pensioner of said Chelsea-hospital.
74. Peter M'Lashan residenter in Crief.
75. Agnes Allan, spouse of Charles Brown innkeeper in Blackness.
76. Robert Welsh soldier in the garrison of Blackness castle.
77. Elisabeth Reid spouse of the said Robert Welsh.
78. Janet M'Gregor residenter in Kilmahog.
79. John Ferguson wright in Callender.
80. John M'Farlane feuer in Callender.
81. Angus M'Diarmid, late serjeant in the 88th regiment of foot, residing at Callender.
82. Robert Black gardener at nursery of Callender.
83. Thomas Crawford officer of excise at Callender.
84. Mary Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, daughter of the deceased Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, late an out-pensioner of the said hospital.
85. Christian Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay, daughter of the said Daniel Campbell, *alias* M'Kinlay.
86. James Melr sheriff-substitute of Stirling-shire.
87. James Tower writer in Stirling.
88. William Jaffray writer in Stirling.
89. David Stuart commissary of Stirling.
90. James Wright clerk to John Finlayson sheriff-clerk of Stirling.
91. George Russel of the secretary's office, Chelsea-hospital.
92. John Richardson agent to said hospital.
93. Samuel Hawksworth clerk to the said Jo. Richardson.
94. John Drummond, late servant to the said deceased Collector Archibald Dunbar.
95. George Bowman, late servant to the said collector Archibald Dunbar.

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